



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Colorado finally received some much needed moisture last week. Precipitation levels were above average for certain areas but drought conditions still continue for much of the State. Temperature levels were also above average. A few showers were reported with hail in the San Luis Valley. Irrigated crops have progressed ahead of normal due to the hot temperatures but concerns over dwindling water reserves remain. Range conditions are still in critical condition despite the moisture. Farmers were allowed 5.8 days in the field for operations.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	53	26	21	0
Last Week	69	24	7	0
Last Year	7	29	60	4

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	53	32	15	0
Last Week	58	34	8	0
Last Year	15	24	60	1

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat harvest has almost finished with 97 percent harvested at week's end, 67 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. Spring barley was 94 percent headed and 25 percent turning color. The crop rated in mostly good condition. Spring wheat was 88 percent headed, 21 percent turning color, and was reported in mostly good to fair condition by the end of the week.

**Row Crops:** Corn progressed to 9 percent silked, 3 percentage-points ahead of the 5-year average, with the crop rated in mostly fair to good condition. Dry bean progress increased to 99 percent emerged, 13 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average and the crop was rated in mostly fair condition. Sorghum progress increased to 92 percent emerged and 5 percent headed. The crop was rated in mostly fair to good condition. Sugarbeets, summer potatoes, and onions were rated in mostly good to fair condition while fall potatoes were rated in mostly good condition. Sunflower planting progressed to 97 percent complete by the end of the week with the crop rated in mostly good to fair condition.

## SMALL GRAIN AND ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 8, 2012

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	16	22	31	28	3
Last Year	0	3	22	67	8
Spring Barley					
This Week	1	3	30	61	5
Last Year	0	2	42	48	8
Spring Wheat					
This Week	1	5	34	55	5
Last Year	0	7	44	40	9
Sorghum					
This Week	6	23	35	34	2
Last Year	7	19	54	20	1

**Pasture and Range:** The condition of pastureland declined slightly despite the rain showers from last week. There have been several reports of pasture grasses growing very little or going dormant due to the dry conditions. Pastureland is rated mostly very poor to fair condition across the State. Alfalfa hay harvest reached 37 percent of the 2<sup>nd</sup> cutting complete. The crop was reported in mostly fair to good condition last week.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 8, 2012

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2012	42	34	22	2	0
Prev. Year - 2011	17	20	23	29	11
5-Year Avg.	9	13	28	39	11

**Livestock:** The condition of livestock declined a bit last week but remains in good to fair condition. Producers across the State are relocating or reducing their livestock numbers due to the poor condition of pastureland. Death losses for cattle and sheep were average. Stored feed supplies were rated average for this time of year.

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending July 8, 2012

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting	37	30	13	18
<b>Corn</b>				
Silked	9	5	3	6
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Emerged	99	90	82	86
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Emerged	92	75	87	86
Headed	5	-	6	10
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Headed	94	74	83	82
Turning Color	25	15	16	19
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Headed	88	66	75	73
Turning Color	21	11	9	12
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Planted	97	95	100	99
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Harvested	97	87	31	30

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

## COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Alfalfa</b>	13	14	40	29	4
<b>Dry Beans</b>	8	14	47	29	2
<b>Dry Onions</b>	3	13	30	42	12
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>	0	0	20	80	0
<b>Livestock</b>	7	11	40	40	2
<b>Sugarbeets</b>	4	7	34	44	11
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>	5	9	30	54	2
<b>Sunflowers</b>	8	26	28	37	1

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.